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The 2010 LRBOI Jiingtamok was held over the July 4th holiday to record crowds.

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Tribal elections are
coming up in 2011
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A new Princess for Little River



Katie Crawford was chosen to be the Little River
Princess for 2010 in ceremonies at the Jiingtamok.
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FEMA and FBI continue to involve Little River

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency
and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are
continuing to seek input from the Little River
Band of Ottawa Indians. See the articles on
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Aanii:

The weather was perfect for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 2010 Jiingtamok held on July 3rd and 4th; I understand they had good numbers of attendees. Thanks to Jay Sam and the volunteers who make this happen each year. More information on following pages.

It was a very busy month for travel in June starting on the 11th of June, where I traveled to Gaylord, Michigan to attend a meeting of chairpersons from the five CORA tribes to discuss common concerns and share ideas and information.

On June 18th I was invited by Levi Rickert to be part of a welcoming committee to other nations being hosted by Calvin College. Several West Michigan tribes were represented.

June 21st a meeting of the CORA Executive Council was held in Traverse City, Michigan. June 27th through June 30th I traveled to Washington DC on the US Government's dime to attend meetings at the National Antiterrorism Center where Director of Public Safety, Joseph LaPorte is on assignment representing

LRBOI and all tribal nations. The meetings were held on July 28th and 29th and were very informative. Again, more information is on following pages.

I would like to apologize to Julie Wolfe and the Wellness Walkers for not attending the Wellness Walk on July 3rd. I had planned on attending and Julie had asked weeks before. Actually, I could have used the exercise. I returned home after 8PM the night before after a very hectic week traveling to and from Washington DC and Lansing for hearings and would have had to get up by 5AM to make the walk. Sorry to all! The Walk had over 200 walkers; an impressive number. Good work Julie!

The 17th Annual Language Camp is scheduled for July 23-25th this year and the Fall Membership meeting is on October 9th, please mark these on your calendars.

The Muskegon Project for a proposed casino has encountered some obstacles recently. Several Michigan tribes and others with casino interests have come forward to oppose LRBOI plans for a casino in Muskegon County. The tribes opposing us are, the Saginaw Chippewa Indians (Soaring Eagle Casino); the Nattawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi (Firekeepers Casino), and the Gun Lake Tribe based on misinformation. The House of Representatives Speaker, Andrew Dillon sent our request for a compact amendment to the committee for consideration. The Committee has held several hearings on our request with the final one to take place in Muskegon to hear support for the project. We are hoping Speaker Dillon will take action shortly after the final hearing. The House and Senate still need to approve

the third compact amendment.

Additionally, Little River Band had filed a request to the Department of Interior in Washington DC to put land in trust for the Tribe. The application had to be withdrawn while we gather more information to submit with the application in the future. We anticipated some objections and delays but had hoped to keep moving at the pace we have enjoyed to this point. We expect this to be a temporary delay in the process.

The good news is that an effort to get seven additional non-Indian casinos in Michigan failed to get the required signatures to have it placed on the November ballot.

Other good news is that Jamie Friedel and crew achieved another 100 Helios score with the Trading Post C-Store/ Gas station. Congratulations to those employees for a job well done! On July 11-13th, there will be a triple meeting in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. There will be a United Tribes Meeting, a Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and the State of Michigan and Tribal Summit all held within that three day period.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and taking advantage of the nice weather. Until next month...

REMEMBER- Ham and Eggs... a day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.



Muskegon Project Hearing



Tribal and community leaders and citizens from Muskegon met on Friday the 9th at Muskegon Community College for an on again/off again hearing before state legislators who are considering modifications to a 3rd article of our state compact. Their consideration follows the recent okay by Governor Granholm of two other changes. These changes will allow for the tribe to go ahead and gain permission to build a new casino in Muskegon from the Federal government. However, as Executive Counsel Dan Green pointed out, if we do not receive this 3rd compact change, we might not be able to move ahead.

Led by Ogema Larry Romanelli and two area state representatives, a strong case was laid out for the project as a 'sorely needed jobs' program. Numerous township, village and county elected leaders supported the idea of the casino as something that Muskegon needs desperately. One township official read off a litany of companies that have closed or left the area with nothing to take their place as part of his argument in support of Little River's plans.

Commerce Director Robert Memberto gave a scholarly reply to some of the arguments against the development and F&B Director (from Little River Casino) Ron Pete passionately presented facts about working at our casino which refuted claims of some of the naysayers in the crowd. A number of tribal members and employees also attended. From Tribal Council, Speaker Steve Parsons and Council Members Loretta Beccaria, Pat Ruiter, Candace Chapman and Sandy Mezeske attended.

A leader of the 'Muskegon River Band' said that his tribe was hoping to have recognition in the next two years and they wanted the chance to build the casino. That's why he spoke against Little River. Tribal leaders from other tribes opposing Little River chose to not speak to the hearing but have led the charge against LRBOI

with their corporate cohorts from Detroit.

Several others against the project presented the same tired arguments and one elderly Muskegon resident even made a speech which bordered on being labeled racist against Native Americans and our treaties. He even talked about seeing 'pretty young prostitutes' plying their trade at the casinos. His presentation was not well received by the audience.

As of the writing of this article, everyone is waiting to see if Speaker Andy Dillon will allow the bill (HRC 54) proceed to the floor for a vote. Watch the Currents and the Rapid River News for updates.



Recorder's Report to Membership- July 2010

First Tribal Council Open House

During the month of June, the Tribal Council held many work sessions. The Council also started its outreach meetings, with the inaugural Open House held in Muskegon on June 12th. Council Members Steve Parsons, Janine Sam, Candace Chapman, Robert Whiteloon, Lee Sprague and Virgil Johnson each were available at the Muskegon Office. Ogema Larry Romanelli took the time to attend as well. The Open House was not well attended. Tribal Citizen, Machele Gibbs, was kind enough to summarize her experience for this Recorder's Report below:

"I attended the Tribal Council meeting in Muskegon on June 12th. I just wanted to let you know that I think the meeting being held in Muskegon is a great way to talk to Tribal Council in a relaxed setting. You can ask them questions or talk about your concerns. I look forward to meeting with Tribal Council and hope that the Council will hold more of these meetings. My only disappointment was the fact that only two tribal members showed for the meeting. Maybe people will get more involved and come to the next meeting. Megwetch, Machele Gibbs"

Following this experience, the Tribal Council has discussed whether or not it will be beneficial to continue to arrange for Open House meetings in the future. I think that the Tribal Councilors that took the time out of their weekend to be available for this type of meeting demonstrated their commitment to opportunities to connect with the Citizens that Council Represents, as did Ogema Romanelli. Affording Citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in their own government is an important initiative that Tribal Council is not willing to abandon after just one meeting. Citizen participate is critical, however, if these meetings are to continue in FY 2011.

2nd Open House – Public Comment on FY 2011 Government Budget

There are two other Tribal Council Open Houses planned for the remainder of 2010. The first is scheduled in Manistee, at the AKI COMMUNITY CENTER on August 7, starting at 10 a.m. During this Open House, the Tribal Council will also accept COMMENTS on the FY 2011 Tribal Government Budget. At this time, there is not a draft Government Budget for FY 2011 available. The Open House is one opportunity for citizen comment on budgetary concerns. For example, if a person thinks the Government should include more funding for Healthcare programs, or Education, that is one opportunity to voice your opinion on future direction for the Tribe. Another opportunity will be offered when the Ogema has his Public meeting, which date has not yet been announced. One other method is to utilize the "comments" link on the LRBOI website. The Recorder will accept budget comments through the website until August 13, 2010.

Wisconsin Open House

The Tribal Council is currently in planning stages for its third and final Open House for FY 2010. This meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in Wisconsin, during the second weekend in September, possibly the morning of September 11. There is no location determined as of this publication, but once plans are finalized, a new announcement will be posted in the Currents and by Rapid River News.

Gaming Board of Directors Ordinance – Changes slated for August

After many months, including public meetings and additional work sessions, the Tribal Council has decided to repost the new Ordinance for Public Comment. There were changes to the law, as previously reported, which the majority of Council members decided necessitated a new public comment period. The original version under consideration had been posted in December 2009. There has been significant delay in action on this particular law due to a pending legal matter in Federal Court. The Tribal Council did seek two legal opinions with respect to this particular law, and just received affirmation that moving forward to adopt changes would not have a negative impact on other litigation matters. People may recall that the Little River Band is currently involved in litigation in Federal Court, regarding our Sovereign right to govern labor matters on the Reservation. The Tribal Council's effort to remain diligent protectors of the Little River Band's Sovereignty resulted in a delay of action on this Ordinance, but final action is slated for August 11, 2010. The citizens will have a right to review the final draft, and provide any additional comment prior to final adoption. Any citizen can utilize the 'comments' link on the Tribal Council's website, or contact the Recorder's office for a copy and to provide comment.

Tribal Council Speaker Represents Tribe during Hearing Process

Steve Parsons has been taking an active role in the efforts of Little River Band as we attempt to expand operations in the Muskegon Area. Steve has been attending various meetings with State Legislative Representatives, Muskegon Area representatives, and others. Steve also gave testimony during State Congressional hearings on behalf of Little River Band, along with the Ogema and Robert Memberto. Unfortunately, Little River has strong opposition in the form of special interest groups as well as other Tribal Governments in the State. In spite of the fact that Little River Band has, in the past, executed Resolutions of Support for other entities such as Gun Lake Tribe, to support their efforts in gaming, it appears that Little River will not receive support from other tribal entities in this matter. The story will continue to unfold, and Steve Parsons will be in attendance at a hearing on July 9, 2010, in Muskegon. The Tribal Council urges membership to contact their own representatives within the State of Michigan, to ensure that they know you support adopting of Compact Amendments by the State Congress!

Update from Council Members Sandy Mezeske and Virgil Johnson

Sandy Mezeske had submitted the following release to be included in this month's activity report:

Aanii Citizens:

I am currently on the Construction Task Force and the group has been working very hard on getting the new construction of 15 living units started. The week of June 21st the contract bids were awarded and construction should start within the next month. The monies being spent is part of \$2,000,000.00 stimulus package the Tribe was awarded in 2009. Half of the units are scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2011 and the balance the following year. It is a pleasure to be working with such a dedicated group, Steve Parsons, Loretta Beccaria, Steve Wheeler, Frank Figgels, Dale Magoon, Dave Corey, and Jim Medacco. I also am working on a project for the newly elected officials who will be sworn into office next spring. Training for new officials will consist of reviewing the constitution, regulations, ordinances, legislative/executive/judicial branch duties. New officials need to understand the inner workings of the government. The past six months has been truly a learning experience since I was appointed to a vacant seat. Prior to being sworn in I was a concerned member but no one knows what a councilor job is really like until you work in the position. A positive for me is when I vote, because I vote for all citizens.

Sandy Lempke-Mezeske

And from Virgil Johnson:

- Attended the closed session Board of Directors meeting on June 25th
- Attended the open session Board of Directors meeting on June 25th.
- 100% attendance for Council Meetings in June both open and closed.
- Attended one NRC commission meeting to fill in for Council Liaison on June 23rd.
- Attended and was recording secretary for Binojeeuk Commission on June 3rd and June 17th.
- Follow up to make sure all payments for the LRCR were made on time. Four were required for June:
 1. Term B
 2. Gross Gaming tax
 3. Tribal Government Distribution
 4. NIGC
- Attended four (4) New Government Building task force meetings in June.
- Worked with the Warrior Society on Blessing of the Bike fund raiser June 26th.
- Attended the Warrior Society meeting on June 5th.
- Attended the Elders meeting on June 5th.
- Attended the extended membership meeting with Council in Muskegon on June 19th.
- Attended the Special Council meeting on June 28th.



New Work Session Attendance Report

Included in this month's submission is a spreadsheet that details by title and individual attendance what the meeting activity for the Month of June was. There were a total of 38 work sessions scheduled. It is important to note for Membership that the work session report **does not** include other meetings that Council members participate in, such as special task force meetings, or individual meetings with Executive Staff. The report is only reflective of those meetings scheduled through the Recorder's Office that are work sessions, and does not reflect standing meetings for other purposes. In the next submission, I hope to include the task force meeting information as well. One example is that Council members Parsons and Mezeske are working with Human Resources on a Salary project. As attendees, they participate in discussions of current wage scales, and position descriptors, but this meeting is not a "Council" work session, so it is not reported. If the Citizens wish to continue to see this report in the Currents, please feel free to contact me.

June Hiring Numbers Submitted for Little River Casino & Resort

The Little River Casino and Resort has submitted their numbers for June. This item will appear on the Tribal Council's agenda on July 14, 2010. For the month of June, there were 26 positions filled, with 5 Tribal members hired. Overall, there are 87 Tribal Members employed out of 826 positions, or 11% member employment. There are currently a number of temporary, part-time and full time positions open at the Casino. Please contact Janine Gregorski in the Human Resources Department, to obtain information on current position openings. The telephone number is (231) 723-1535.

Financial Reports Indicate Preliminary Positive Results

The Tribal Council has received the May 2010 Financial Report from the Office of the Ogema, and will acting on the Financial Report during July. The report indicates that Year to Date, the Little River Band has received approximately \$1.3 million more in revenue from the Casino than was expected (as represented by the Casino Budget) through April of this year. In addition the LRBOI has received \$3.6 million in grant revenues, with another \$1.7 from tax revenue sources.

Significant Expenditures year to date include: Salaries and Wages at \$3.4 million, insurance costs at \$1 million, and client services at \$1.1 million. "Client services" represents the amount of money (to date through April) that has been spent directly for benefit of Tribal Citizens.

May Employment Statistics for Tribal Government

The most recent manpower report submitted by the Tribal Ogema through the HR office indicates that there are 199 employees within Tribal Government, and 15 Elected Officials. Of the 199 employees, 95 are tribal members, or 48% member employment. It appears that there were 4 positions hired during the month of May, with no tribal member hires reported.

Enrollment Activity Reported

The Enrollment Department reported for May 2010 that there are currently 4,009 total citizens. Of that number, there are:

- 847 Elders (55+)
- 2,668 Adults (18-54)
- 494 Children (0-17)

Councilor Sprague Attends Energy Conference

Councilor Lee Sprague attended the "Renewable Energy for Tribal Community Development: Tribal Strategic Planning Workshop" held on June 22- 24, 2010, at Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. The meeting included such topics as strategic planning for tribal communities, funding sources for renewable energy initiatives, and key policy initiatives. Dan Shepard, Tribal Planner, also attended this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Janine M. Sam
Recorder

Work Session Attendance Chart page 23

The Tribal Human Resources Department took advantage of an opportunity to share information on health with the employees in Manistee as part of the Pandemic Exercise on June 11th.

Benefits Coordinator Peggy Ducey brought together insurance providers with the area health departments including Manistee and the tribe to share information that will help keep our employee base healthy and safe. Included was an opportunity for the employees to receive their H1N1 inoculations if they didn't already receive them.

One highlight was a number of give-aways from the vendors. Bob Davis won the wii donated by Steve Fredericks of Manistee Insurance Agency. BCBS gave away 4 tickets to Beach Bums (Ben Hamilton won)...EHIM our RX vendor was there and Al Stone and Peggy Ducey worked the Employee Assistance Program booth. Other prizes included, croquet sets, hand weights, George foreman grill, scales, heart rate watch, pilates dvd, work out ball all donated by the wellness team!!!

Pandemic Emergency Exercise

On July 11th, the Ogema Romanelli and Speaker Parsons officially initiated a Pandemic Exercise for the tribal government and 'declared' a full scale exercise began at 9 a.m. The exercise was an opportunity for the Tribal Emergency Response Team (T.E.R.T.) to practice their preparations in a realistic environment at a Tribal location should a disaster or incident occur affecting our people in Manistee.

By 9:30, the Incident Command team had gathered at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center to take charge of the event. Shortly after 10, volunteers started arriving from the Tribal Health Clinic and other departments within the government.

At 11 a.m. tribal government employees started arriving to go through the exercise which simulated an H1N1 event (remember last year and the 'Swine Flu?'). By 1 p.m. almost 70 employees had gone through the various stages of the exercise and they had moved into the main room of the Community Center for lunch and for a Health Fair put on by the Human Resources Department.

By 2 p.m. the IC team gathered for an After Action Review to discuss how the event worked...or didn't. Part of the exercise involved having evaluators from three outside agencies watch and judge how well the team did. The fire chief of Manistee Township; Emergency Management Coordinator from Mason County and the Executive Director of the Regional Red Cross chapter performed as these 'evaluators.' The evaluators gave the team high marks for organization; ability to adapt; great IT support and a dedication by the team members to doing their job and doing it right.

Ogema Romanelli said this about the exercise and the dedicated team members. "_____"

Participants in this T.E.R.T. exercise included representatives from Tribal Public Safety; the Gaming Commission; our Tribal Council staff; the Finance Department; Utilities Department; Office of Public Affairs; the Tribal Health Clinic and the District Health Department #10.

The exercise was funded by a grant from the Office of Public Health Preparedness. This grant also provided equipment that will enhance the full ability of the T.E.R.T. to respond to incidents and help our people, our employees and our tribe.

Flu Survey at T.E.R.T. Exercise

At the recent Pandemic Exercise 2010 held by the Tribal Emergency Response Team at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center, 66 people came through and took the survey. Here are the results. The numbers of those who have had the H1N1 vaccination are still low enough to cause the health department concern. Nationally, a little over 30% of citizens received either the shot or took the nasal spray. As of the latest information, the H1N1 vaccination will be included in the flu shots for 2010.

FLU WELLNESS SSURVEY

DID YOU GET THE H1N1 FLU VACCINATION THIS FLU SEASON?

YES	% yes	NO	% no	66	total
18	27%	48	73%		

SINCE AUGUST 2009 HAVE YOU HAD A SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION?

25 38% 41 62%

WAS YOUR MOST RECENT SEASONAL FLU VACCINE A SHOT?

33 50% 33 50%

WAS YOUR MOST RECENT SEASONAL FLU VACCINE THE SPRAY IN THE NOSE?

2 3% 64 97%

35 TRIBAL MEMBERS PARTICIPATED

53%

30 PEOPLE ANSWERED NO TO ALL QUESTIONS

45%

6 participants not government employees

9%



On June 29, 2010, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs convened a hearing, during which they accepted testimony regarding Diabetes and Special Diabetic Programs funded through Indian Health Services appropriations. The slated witness panel included such notable people as Actor Wes Studi, and Gary Hall, Jr., Olympic Gold Medalist-Swimming (1996, 2000, and 2004). Also appearing were Dr. Melvina McCabe, Pres, AAIP, and Dr. Judith Fradkin, NIH. Each member of the witness panel provided their comments to urge continued support for funding of this critically important issue in Indian Country.

Following conclusion of the witness panel comments, a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians who was in the audience was invited by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) to join the witness panel, to provide additional testimony. When she approached the

panel, she was seated next to Mr. Studi. She was asked to describe how diabetes affects her life, fielding questions from members of the panel. She appeared without any "script" and without any idea beforehand about what questions she would be asked. She told her personal story to the



*photo courtesy SCIA – they came direct from
the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs*

Committee, including letting them know how important the funding support is, not just for her own tribe, but all tribes around the United States. As a person afflicted with Diabetes, who is dependent on insulin administered by a pump, she knows first-hand the importance of access to medicine, and the tools to manage her condition. At one point, she informed the Committee, that "without the support of programs like these, I probably wouldn't be here today." She thanked the Senator for inviting her to speak, and thanked the Committee for allowing her to be there that day, to speak on such an important issue.

Isabel Burger, at age 11, is one of the youngest people to appear before this Senate Committee, and did so with poise and confidence. She represented herself, and her Tribe, with Respect. KchiMiigwetch, Isabel, for your courage-Askdehewin.



Tribe and Chamber Golf

For a number of years, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Casino Resort have participated in the annual Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. Once again this year employees of the tribe and casino participated but in a bigger way! A Little River Casino Team played in the event including Ron Pete, Connie Waitner, Tom Guenthardt and Jerry Guenthardt. They turned in a respectable team score of 69 on what was a beautiful day in Manistee. Commerce Director Robert Memberto "sponsored a hole" where he and staff assistant Jeannie Gibson gifted all of the 150+ players with a soft cover copy of the tribal history book "Our People, Our Journey." With the book, Robert told a bit of information about the tribe to help inform the golfers about our involvement in the region. There were numerous comments during the event about "how wonderful" the book was and that the tribe deserved quite a bit of thanks. Robert has recently been elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the

Chamber of Commerce.

Public Affairs Director Glenn Zaring served as the Chamber photographer for this event. Zaring has served on the Chamber Board for a number of years as a tribal representative and is currently the Chairman of the Chamber Government Affairs Committee looking into government/business issues which affect the entire region. He was also part of the Strategic Team that analyzed the structure of the Chamber and developed a Strategic Plan which has led to a strengthening of the organization: a growth in membership and a focus for the group.

The Chamber Golf Outing is a major fund-raising event for this organization that helps to promote business and economic health of the region. Both the Little River Casino and the Tribal government are members and supporters of the Chamber of Commerce.

This year, the Casino is the major sponsor of the annual 4th of July Fireworks in Manistee...a chamber-sponsored activity.



FREE

Public Welcome for FREE Drinking Water Well Testing

There will be limited samples accepted because of State funding.

This program is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) MSU Extension, and the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program. It is funded through the Michigan Groundwater and Freshwater Protection Act, the MDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Department is partnering with these agencies to make it possible for the public to get their drinking water well testing. This test is for private wells only.

The results from your water sample are confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results and information about what you should do if the concentration of nitrate, nitrite and 24D is detected in the sample.

Pickup your water testing kit at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department at 159 Brick Yard Road, Manistee during business hours between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays anytime.

Phone: 1-866-723-1594 for questions.

Take the water sample on July 21st by running your kitchen faucet for 10 minutes before you take the sample. Bring your sample (keep cold) to the LRBOI Natural Resource Department on the same day July 21st between 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Water samples need to be fresh),

Water Sample Drop off Date

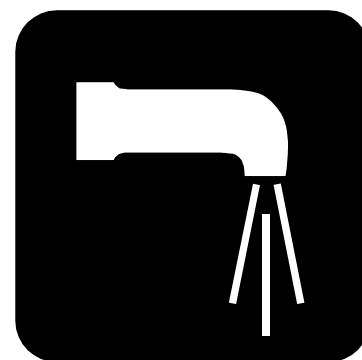
July 21, 2010

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Samples from private wells only

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Program

Results of testing are confidential



**FREE WELL WATER
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**Limited Supply of sample bottles
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159 Brick Yard Road, Manistee, MI
Toll Free 866-723-1594**

Consumers Confidence Report Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utility Department 2010

Is my water safe?

The Little River Band Utility Department would like to report that last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. The LRB Utility vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and we are proud to report that our system has never violated a maximum contaminant level. A source water protection plan will be implemented in the near future to protect the areas around our source water from inadvertent contamination.

We have had a violation of the sample requirements as set forth by the EPA; we use an outside laboratory to routinely collect some of our samples. Inadvertently the Laboratory collected the sample in the wrong bottle. The disinfection by product rule sample that was collected was for a water system that uses chlorine dioxide for disinfection, we however use sodium hypochlorite for disinfection. We re-sampled the system with the correct sample bottle however it was after the time frame required and was therefore considered a violation. Sample results for the disinfection-by-products were below the maximum contaminant levels required by law. * See table on Pg 3 of this report

The LRB Utility Department is at this time collecting all samples required by the Safe Drinking Water Act for shipment to the testing laboratory thereby eliminating the third party and enhancing the knowledge of the staff on requirements for EPA certified lab sampling in accordance with the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act. We are currently EPA certified for testing of Total Coli form / E-coli of which we sample for three times a month for a total of 9 samples per month. We are also in the initial stages of Laboratory Certification for some of the sampling we are required to do eliminating the need for an outside laboratory for some of the EPA required testing parameters.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or

other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

Where does my water come from?

The Water Distribution is supplied by two source wells located in Aki Madiziwiin with a 250,000 gallon spheroid storage tower, adjacent to the Justice Center, on M-22. These wells can supply over 700,000 gallons of water a day! An estimated average daily use is currently 80,000 gallons per day. The distribution system consists of PVC, HDPE and Ductile iron piping in various sizes. The level of water in the storage tower, which supplies the needed water pressure to your household or business, is controlled by radio telemetry. This is monitored by our staff for needed level changes due to seasonal, fire related emergencies and/or maintenance concerns.

Source water assessment and its availability

A source water assessment was completed by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Environmental Services Division, 3601 Mackinaw Trail Sault Ste. Marie Mi. in October of 2002. An updated source water protection plan is being worked on by I.T.C. as previously mentioned and upon completion it will be available for review. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) **Safe**

Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment

plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses. Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that

limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health.

Monitoring and reporting violations

The Utility Department has tested for more than 150 possible contaminants in fiscal year 2009 to the present. Of those, only those detected along with their detection level are in this report. All other contaminants results were "not detected" in your drinking water!

Sampling Results for Past 12 Months

Educational Statement for Lead

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of plumbing materials used in your homes. You may wish to have your water tested if you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home. You may also flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using your tap water. Additional information concerning Lead levels is available from the **Safe Drinking Water, Hotline (800-426-4791)**.



Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA and the Tribe requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Contaminants (units)	MCLG	MCL	You're Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source / Health Effect
Synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides							
Sampled 75 possible contaminants	Varies	ND		5-5-2009	No	Agricultural runoff, leaching of disposal. Some industries may dispose of organic waste through such practices as land dumping or the disposal of untreated waste into septic systems, storm drains, sewer pipes, or natural bodies of water. Health effects associated with SOC's include liver, kidney, circulatory system and nervous system effects and different types of cancer.	Each well organics through the soil, accidental Spills and incorrect

Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Requirements

UCMR Samples were taken in February 2010; All results were less than the Minimum Reporting Level, (< MRL).

Volatile Organic Contaminants

N/A

Contaminants (units)	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Low	High	Date	Violation	Typical Source / Health Effect
DBPR Disinfection by-product rule								
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	0.0005	0.080	0.0111	NA	0.0085	11-10-2009	Yes	By-product of drinking water disinfection using chlorination
Results are in mg/L								Some disinfectants and disinfection
Bromodichloromethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0036			8-4-2009		Byproducts (DBPs) have been shown to cause
Bromoform	0.0005	0.080	0.0007			8-4-2009		cancer and reproductive effects in lab animals
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0005	0.080	0.0030			8-4-2009		and suggested bladder cancer and reproductive
Chloroform	0.0005	0.080	0.0038			8-4-2009		effects in humans.

Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	AL	Our Water	# of Samples > AL	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Chlorate (Results of wrong sample)	0.01	N/A	0.094		8-4-2009		"Same as above"

Contaminant(s) (units)	MCLG	AL	Our Water	# of Samples > AL	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Nitrate (well # 2)		10 ppm	1.6 ppm		8-5-2009	No	Run off from fertilizer use; Leaching from Septic tanks, sewage; Erosion from natural deposits.
Nitrate (well # 1)		10 ppm	1.4 ppm		8-5-2009	No	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

Radionuclide

Contaminant(s) (units)	Reg Limit	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Uranium	20.1	.93±.42	5-26-2010	No	Erosion of natural deposits is the major source in drinking water. Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer
Gross Alpha	15	1.3± 1.4	5-24-2010	No	Erosion of natural deposits; certain minerals are radioactive and my emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Gross Beta	4	.82± 1.39	5-24-2010	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Radium -226		.29± .38	5-24-2010		Erosion of natural deposits
Radium -228		.40± .46	5-24-2010		Some people who drink water containing radium
Combined Radium	5 pCi/L	.69± .6	5-24-2010		226or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

*Other parameters were tested but were not detected.

Units Description:

- NA: Not applicable
- ND: Not detected
- NR: Not reported
- MNR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.
- Ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- Ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
- pCi/L: Picocuries per liter (**pCi/L**) is a unit for measuring radioactive concentrations. The curie (Ci) unit is the activity of 1 gram of pure radium 226. Pico is a scientific notation term which means 1×10^{-12}

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

- MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

For more information
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River St.
Manistee, Mi 49660
Attn: Utility Supervisor
Phone: 231-398-2299
Fax: 231-723-2321



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Utility Department
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660**

To: Customers of the L.R.B.O.I. Water Distribution, Sewer Collection system and Septic Waste haulers

RE: Water / Sewer / Septic hauler fees 2011

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has committed to a substantial investment in Water Distribution, Waste Water collection and treatment.

In order to provide Safe Drinking Water and, Sanitary Services to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Citizens and all other customers using the LRBOI systems, a rate structure has been set in accordance with the Tribes Utility Ordinance to help offset the costs of operation and maintenance. There will not be an increase in rates for fiscal year 2011.

The rates are as follows:

Commercial \$30.64 base rate (per edu) and \$5.29 per thousand gallons used.

Residential base rate is \$7.50 and \$4.00 per thousand gallons used.

Low Income Residential base rate is \$5.00 and \$2.50 per thousand gallons used.

Septic hauler rates are set at:

\$.06 Cents per gallon up to 499,999 gallons

\$.05 Cents per gallon for 500,000 to 749,999

\$.04 Cents thereafter

Please send any written comments to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River St

Manistee Mi 49660

Attention: Utility Department

Open public comment meeting August 18th 5:00

pm to 5:30 pm at the

LRBOI Community Center, 2953 Shaw Be

Quong, Manistee Michigan 49660.

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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723-8288**

Dear Tribal Member

The Election Board, after requests from Tribal members, and providing notice of proposed changes in the Election Board Regulations, has recently amended the Election Board Regulations. The amendments contained in Chapter 2 of the Election Board Regulations are attached. They require that members register to be eligible to vote at Tribal meetings and in Tribal elections.

The Election Board will be mailing a Voter Registration Packet to each member, 18 years of age or older, during July. **YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE** if you desire to participate in the voting process. Once you receive the Voter Registration Packet, next month, please complete and return the Voter Registration Form, which must be Notarized and include a copy of your Tribal ID card. A complete explanation of the voter registration process will be included in your registration packet.

In order to be eligible to vote, the form must be completed and received by the Election Board at least 56 days before an election, to allow adequate time for processing by the Election Board.

Once you receive the Voter Registration Packet that will be mailed to you during July, if you have any questions regarding the voter registration process, you may call or email the Election Board office

Thank you.

Little River Election Board

The following Tribal Members have an undeliverable address on file with the Enrollment Department. Please contact the Enrollment Department if you know how we can get in contact with any of the Tribal Members listed or if you know any of their addresses.

Adamczak Vincent Frank
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Anderson Dianna Lynn
Bailey Nikki Doris
Battice Robert Dennis
Benson Milo Christopher
Brauer , II William Howard
Carrillo Patricia Ann
Chau Stephanie Joyce
Chester Joshua David
Cogswell Randall Charles
Donnelly Anthony Daniel
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Theodore Todd Alan
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Tyler Jerry Scott
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Verdi Dylan Scott
Wabindato Glenn Alan
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Wolfe Verna Kae
Woodruff Polly Ann

We would also like to give a reminder that if you have not submitted a notarized Bereavement Beneficiary form or notarized PerCap Beneficiary form, please contact the Enrollment Department.



We can be contact by calling
Diane A. Lonn at (231) 398-6712 or
Jessica Wissner at (231) 398-6713.



The Peacemaking Talking Circle IV Healing within the community



The Peacemaking/Probation Department (PPD) needed to do some peacemaking ourselves. There was some confusion, as to the activities being done by the PPD out at Indian Village. We were in the process of getting ready to do "Indian Village Camp" training. The training was for the staff that has volunteered to mentor young people. We were also in the process of having some young people come out to Indian Village to do some clean-up work. Some concerns came too light and where brought forward regarding how the "camp" would affect the property at Indian Village.

The Peacemaking/Probation Department was humbled by the attention that was given to clarify and to help understand the program and the goals of the program. Peacemaking/Probation Department attended meetings with the Ogema, and Tribal Council. We also were part of a meeting at Indian Village. Those in attendance at that meeting were the Elders Committee and Concerned Tribal Citizens, along with the Tribal Council and the Court Administrator, Deborah Miller. Everyone came together to work on solving the issues. Austen and Patrick were honored by our Citizens coming together. Being out at Indian Village and discussing the concerns in a "talking circle" format really gave us a sense of community.

The Peacemaking/Probation Department put in to action the concepts of peacemaking. It was good to be part of the events as they unfolded. Everyone had a chance to speak and express their concerns. All concerns and issues were handled in a professional and positive manner. Here is a quote from Austen, that says it all, and today I feel that I know peace just a little better.

"Let us prepare for conflict and deal with it in a positive way for, without it, we cannot know what it means to really know peace."
Austen Brauker

Peacemaking talking circles help our community heal in many different ways, improves communication, brings people together, and enhances the feeling of community. Talking circles seek to give the offender ideas, recommendations, and guidance as to the best way to make restitution, amends, and to rebuild, and repair the harm that was done to their relationships. By putting relationships back together we put back together our community. Remember, you can't build a community without "unity"

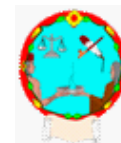
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PEACEMAKING/PROBATION DEPARTMENT
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Austen Brauker,
Peacemaking/ Probation Assistant
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Come out and join us for our monthly Peacemaking Talking Circle



**Aanii piish (where) ... Justice Center
Wenesh pii (when). August 31st at 5:30**
NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.



Robert S. Mueller, III, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has appointed Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte to serve as a member of the Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board for the period of 2010-2012. Mueller said, "I am honored that you will be serving as the tribal law enforcement representative to the APB."

The APB addresses issues concerning the operation of the programs managed by the FBI's CJIS Division on behalf of the criminal justice community. These issues include the National Crime Information Center, Law Enforcement National Data Exchange and others. "I look forward to the advice and guidance that you will provide concerning these issues," added Mueller.

Director LaPorte is serving for a year on temporary duty with the Federal Government in

Washington, DC dealing with numerous tribal law enforcement issues. As head of the Indian Law Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, LaPorte has been able to bring a unique and valuable perspective to the challenges of the tribes and needs of the federal government for improved communication and cooperation.

LRBOI shaping FEMA Tribal Policy

"It's about sovereignty"



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for helping communities throughout the United States to prevent, prepare for and to recover from disasters and incidents. Over the last six months, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has been a part of a small group reviewing FEMA Tribal Policy to bring it more into line with the assistance needs of the 565 Alaska Native and American Indian governments around the country. Initially, through the Office of Public Affairs, the overall Tribal Policy was reviewed with suggestions made concerning streamlining the policy and making it more acceptable to the tribal community. Then during the week of June 29th, Director Glenn Zaring was invited to the National Emergency Training Center to work with a focus group of fellow Tribal Emergency professionals. Throughout the week, the group studied and updated training programs for tribal officials; discussed both general and specific tribal needs and reviewed past emer-

gency situations affecting Indian country. Early on, Danny Martin, Director of the Tribal IMT for the Tohono O'odham Nation summarized the need for tribes to be involved with emergency management on a large scale. He said that, "It is all about tribal sovereignty. When we take care of our own people and lands, it strengthens our position as native sovereign nations."

Other participants in the focus group addressed specific challenges they had faced in their communities. Sophi Beym, Navajo from the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management outlined the challenges of integrating emergency activities among the many Pueblos in this the largest tribal nation. Beym is also a Mitigation Specialist who helps governments to develop mitigation plans which are a key element if preventing disasters.

Bobby Tall Chief, retired Fire Chief and current Emergency Manager for the Osage Nation spoke about the difficulties within the Oklahoma tribal nations (39 in total) during tornados and floods. Adam Geisler, Emergency Manager and Tribal Council member from the La Jolla Reservation gave a passionate report on the Southern California fires in tribal lands and Don Davis, from the Alaska Intertribal Council spoke to the extensive needs of the 229 Alaska Native communities.

The high-powered group was lead by Steven Golubic, FEMA Tribal Liaison. Steve's passion is to bring together training and planning that will assist the tribes into the future. One

step taken recently was to begin bringing more people from the nations into the Disaster Assistance Employee (DAE) program to work in the Intergovernmental Affairs cadre when incidents affect tribal lands. These specialists will have knowledge about the tribal community and culture and will function as 'ambassadors' to open communication with the tribal nations and FEMA.

The groups' work continues as the development of training programs for tribal leadership takes on new form. At this time, two different 4-day training programs are being prepared for tribal elected leaders and emergency management personnel. Depending on budget decisions, FEMA is planning on bringing the training to Michigan for the 12 Native Sovereign Nations within our state within the next two years. In the meantime, the classes will be held at NETC in Emmitsburg, MD.

The goal is to strengthen our tribal abilities within our nations and to improve how we interact with agencies such as FEMA to empower our own governments in response to our people's needs.

LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli expressed his support for our participation with FEMA and TPD Director Joseph LaPorte commented that, "This is huge! Little River is gaining quite a good reputation in Washington with this type of interaction at the federal level."

Education Department Presents: A Day in the Windy City – Chicago Trip

When: Wednesday - August 18th, 2010

Where to Meet: LRBOI Offices - (Manistee) @ 6am / (Muskegon) @ 8am

What will we do?

During this trip, we will visit the Shedd Aquarium & (Chicago Field Museum or Alder Planetarium). All are located in the Museum Campus and if time permits, we will visit all 3 attractions.

How many spots available?

There will be 10 spots available for LRBOI tribal youth, and if those spots are not filled by August 11th, 2010, then we will allow the spots to be filled by descendants of tribal citizens. If there are more than 10 sign-ups, then a random drawing of students will be taken from a hat.

It is the fair approach.

How do you sign up?

Chicago Trip Sign up

Call Education Youth Assistant – Santana Aker @ (231) 398-6654 or mail in the form below to: LRBOI – Education Department, 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660

Name _____ Tribal ID # _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents Name _____ Parent's Phone # _____

*By signing this form below, you confirm that you will follow the directions of the Education Department Staff, will not participate in any physical horseplay that may cause injury of another participant, and will represent the tribe with upmost respect and pride.

**Meaning, you will be an AWESOME person while on this trip!

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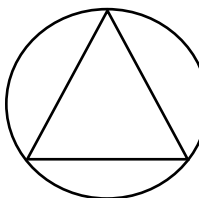
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Bonfire Meeting, Sunrise Ceremony
Meals, Open Speaker Meetings, Talking Circle
Youth Activities and Music, Sweat Lodge

LRBOI Gathering Grounds,
2811 Chippewa Hwy.,
Manistee, Michigan 49660
August 27-29, 2010
(starting at 4p.m. Friday)



REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Total Number in your party: _____

Please select all that you will be requiring:

of tent sites: ____ (off site Lodging at own expense; call for local listings)

Meals on site: FRIDAY DINNER ____ YES ____ NO SEATING FOR: ____

SATURDAY BREAKFAST ____ YES ____ NO LUNCH ____ YES ____ NO FEAST ____ YES ____ NO SEATING FOR: ____

SUNDAY BREAKFAST ____ YES ____ NO LUNCH ____ YES ____ NO FEAST ____ YES ____ NO SEATING FOR: ____

Contacts: Ron W. 231-233-4280/ Allen M. 906-202-0903

Mail to: 244 5th Ave.

Manistee, Michigan 49660

Make checks payable to Dottie B. Please bring: camping equipment, bug spray, sunscreen, own chairs & coolers, and drums. Communities are encouraged to bring Eagle Staffs and/ or Tribal Flags. PETS must be on a leash at all times.

Attention all Tribal Members

Tribal Committee/Commission openings.
 Gaming Commission 2 openings
 Health Commission 2 openings
 Natural Resource 1 opening
 Binojeeuk 2 openings
 Muschigon 3 openings
 LRCR Board 2 openings

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office.

Letters of interest will be kept on file for one year

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Niibin Youth Camp

Who: Ages 8-16

When: Monday through Friday August 2-13, 2010 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians POW-WOW grounds

Activities: Many field trips to parks, museums, miniature golf, horseback riding, water games and many surprises!!! Learn to eat healthy and have an active life. All new this year! Don't miss out.

For more information or to sign up, contact Holly Davis Diabetes Educator at 231-398-6610 or the Community Health Representative office at 231-298-6629. Admin Building hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8 to 5. The office is closed for lunch from 12-1. Individuals in need of services during the lunch hour period may contact the departments to request an appointment.



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Tribal Govern- ment Internships



Tribal Members interested in doing an
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Government Office please contact:
Department of Commerce:
231-398-6806

Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be
available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.
Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of
the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call
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gathering photographs of members to be
usewhen thier office opens.

Please send photos of
our Warriors either in
uniform or in
civillian dress to
the address below



WARRIORS SOCIETY

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,
Warriors Society,
375 River Street, Manistee, Mi. 49660

One of our returns!

The Natural Resources Department received some exciting news recently. Marty Holtgren from the 'Nme Program reported in an e-mail that one of the baby sturgeon reared in our streamside facility had shown up. Here is his e-mail:

"I received great news about our sturgeon program. Today a fisheries researcher captured a sturgeon in Lake Michigan near Ludington. When he checked the fish he found a tag and reported the number to all agencies releasing sturgeon into Lake Michigan. I checked our database and found that this fish was one we released from the streamside rearing facility in 2006. When the fish was released into the Big Manistee it was just under 7 inches long and is now over 25 inches! This is encouraging for many reasons (such as tag retention)

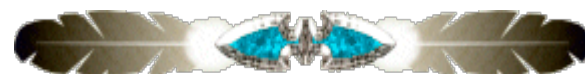
but the most is that the odds of capturing a juvenile sturgeon in Lake Michigan is extremely rare because of the low sampling effort that takes place in near shore areas of Lake Michigan. We have other reports of released fish which further demonstrates that these fish are surviving and doing well. We will look forward to this fish returning to spawn in a few years.

I thought all of you would be excited to hear the news."

The 9th Annual Wellness walk

The 9th Annual Wellness walk was a success. We had 157 people register to walk. 54 of the walkers were under age 21. It was a little crowded at registration, and many arrived early, but the volunteers from His and Hers Fellowship did a great job, and got everyone registered quickly. Miigwech to Mack Brushman for another hot t- shirt design this year!! We opened with a welcome from Tribal elder, Roberta Tate. We had healing song and then Wahatay Venis, invited guest speaker shared a powerful speech on his personal recovery, anishnaabe lifeways, and how to stay strong and care about your self and stay sober. After he finished the Flag carriers, John Shepard -Eagle Staff, Chuck Nelson - Little River Band, Alice Wilson - American and Ferdinand Luchene - Prisoners of War, readied the colors as Wahatay sang a travailing song for the walkers to send us on our way. Thanks to Little River Public Safety we made a safe journey across US 31 and 'Chi Miigwech to Dan Shepard for helping us with obtaining a letter of right away for our walkers that helped exercise our rights as a sovereign nation. At a short stop, Christian Merz got all walkers to participate in a satisfaction survey. Then we continued into the camperz area and ending the dance arena where our friend Frank Sprague led us into a Sobriety countdown and all walkers got a gift from the giveaway. Miighwech to all the walkers that came out to show support to those who are in recovery, have chosen to live alcohol and drug free and to honor our people, culture and traditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Wolfe,CPS-M
PHOTOS by William Gilhouse



Hunter Safety

County: MANISTEE
Instructor: HENRY ROZMAREK
Phone: 231-723-2301
Location: MANISTEE
Start: 07/31/2010

Message:

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Please Note: DINNER IS FURNISHED BOTH DAYS FOR CHILDREN BRING A PENCIL AND NOTE PAPER.



- 305 – guest Speaker signing hand drum song
- 301 – registration of wellness walkers
- 303 – Julie Wolfe, CPS-M Welcoming
- 306- Wahatay Venis, Guest Speaker





We would like to introduce the 2010 Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Princess She was crowned at the 15th annual Traditional Jingtamok on Sunday, July 3rd. She is Ms. Kathryn (Katie) Ashley Crawford. Her proud Family is: Susan Smith, Mother; Gregory Crawford, Father ; Justin Marshall, Step-father; Colt Crawford, TWIN brother; Kyle Crawford, Brother , Nicole Barnes, Sister-in Law; one niece Danielle and two nephews Kristian and Tie; Pamela Medahko & the late Dennis Smith , Maternal Grandparents; and the late Steven & Dorothy Medahko, Maternal Great- Grandparents. Katie was born July 14th and will be celebrating her 16th birthday this year. She attends Oak Ridge High School in Muskegon where Katie is a Straight A Student. She will be entering into the tenth grade this fall. When asked why she wanted to be Miss Little River, She said “To honor my family and tribe and to have this honor for the future young ladies of our Tribal nation.” Katie is a Woodlands Traditional dancer, her regalia colors are Red, White and Blue, her and her family stretched the buckskin themselves for the two hides’ old style dress and hand sewed with sinew the entire outfit. Katie is proud that she completed over half of the beadwork that makes her regalia using woodland design floral patterns. Katie has been in the dance circle since she was just two years old and always had dancing in her heart. “My first dance is a special memory that I share with my late

Great-Grandfather Steven Medahko.” said by Katie. In the next few jingtamok seasons Katie wishes to transfer to a fancy shawl dancer. What inspires Katie to dance and run for Princess is her love of anishinaabe lifeways, she goes to many powwows, sings on a big drum, and was raised to respect elders and love the children. Elders are important to Katie because of the “teachings that they share, the importance in doing the right thing always, and they are our past and children are the future, like book ends.” Some of the many teachings that have been passed down to her is Learn the Language and pass on it to others, beadwork, and the making of regalia. Katie tries to always practice these things along with being a positive role model in the community, so that the younger ones have someone to look up to in a good ways and to strength native traditions and community so that the anishinaabe pride is shown proudly. Lastly Katie would like to Say Chi Miigwech to the Tribal Council and the Ogema, for funding this year’s princess contest so that our tribe could have a Princess. And Chi Miigwech to the Qwewak group for all their hard work and efforts. Katie looks forward to meeting all Tribal Citizens at the fall membership meeting in September and representing the Little River Band throughout Indian Country.

Article Respectfully submitted by Julie Wolfe on behalf of the Qwewak group and photos taken by Calvin Austin JR and Dan Bissell





Simple Interventions Slow Trends in Native American Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity is an epidemic in Indian Country, with almost 50 percent of its kids overweight, but tribal communities are not powerless in the fight against it. In fact, as a recent feasibility study concludes, there are simple ways that they can intervene and help stop the trend.

The study, conducted by Kaiser Permanente and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) from 2001 to 2006, is the first to target obesity prevention among Native American children starting at birth. It included 205 families from three tribes in Oregon and Washington.

The research focused on interventions, community-wide and in-home, all designed by tribal community health workers. The goals were to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration, limit the introduction of sugar-sweetened beverages to infants and toddlers and promote the consumption of water for thirst among toddlers.

The community-wide interventions, designed in six-month cycles, had five strategies: raising awareness, providing health education, facilitating individual behavior change, augmenting public health practices and modifying environments and/or policies related to breastfeeding, sugar-sweetened beverages and water consumption.

Most community-wide interventions were media-based, like brochures, videos, newspaper articles and flyers. Yet the tribes also made environmental, public health practice and policy changes. One created a breast-feeding room at its clinic; another passed a resolution to stop buying sugar-sweetened beverages for tribally sponsored events; and one negotiated with the hospital to which it contracted out pregnancy care to not give out formula packs to new mothers.

The in-home interventions were customized to the needs of the family, such as a new mother having difficulty breastfeeding, and were tested with just two of the three tribes.

The results were positive. Although Body Mass Index (BMI), a measure of weight in relation to height, increased for all of the children in the study, the rise was far less in the

tribes that received the community intervention and in-home visits. BMI scores increased by 30 percent in the tribe that received community intervention alone, but they rose by only 8 percent in the tribes that received both interventions.

Just as positive were the signs that Native American people are ready to make behavior changes. In a survey given at the end of the intervention, the families were asked about their confidence level in drinking more water and fewer sugar-sweetened beverages: 90 percent said they were confident they could help their family drink more water and 82 percent said they would limit sugar-sweetened beverages.

Njeri Karanja, lead author and investigator with the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, also sees the participant retention numbers as indication that they are ready. "Eighty-percent of the parents came back and brought their children to be measured," she said.

While the three tribes that participated seemed ready to take the leap, what about the nation's other 561 tribes? Are they ready to create and commit to similar intervention plans, ones that may include changes in practices and policies?

"I think a lot of tribes, given the recent increase in diabetes and seeing it occurring at younger and younger ages, are ready for that. They want to see their children have a good quality of life. They know their health system, [which is] critically under-funded, is going to be affected by increasing numbers of people with diabetes," said Tam Lutz, study co-author and junior investigator with the NPAIHB.

The study, funded by the Indian Health Service and National Institutes of Health through the Native American Research Center for Health, has been published online in the Journal of Community Health.

Food Distribution Program (FDPIR) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Food Stamp Program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Net Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010

	Household Size	Income Limits
1.	\$ 1,044.00	
2.	\$ 1,356.00	
3.	\$ 1,667.00	
4.	\$ 1,991.00	
5.	\$ 2,329.00	
6.	\$ 2,666.00	
7.	\$ 2,978.00	
8.	\$ 3,290.00	

For each additional member add \$ 312.00

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.

Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M

Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00

Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson

1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program

Office # are 231-398-6716 or 231-398-6715

New Taxes Proposed to Cover Administrative Cost of State Tax-Exempt Sales

A resolution has been proposed to amend the Tribal Tax Ordinance to levy two new taxes; a Tobacco Products Tax, and a Motor Fuel Tax. The tax would only apply to tobacco products and motor fuel sold to Tribal citizens exempt from the state tobacco products and motor fuel tax. The tax would be 3% of the state tax exemption amount. The revenue raised from these taxes would be used to offset the cost of the service contract on computersoftware being installed to track the state tax-exempt sales to Tribal citizens.

Tobacco Products Tax

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has an annual quota of 55,000 packs of state tax-exempt cigarettes. The state tobacco products tax on cigarettes is \$2 per pack. Since the entire quota of cigarettes is sold each year, this represents a state tax savings of \$110,000.

The state of Michigan requires all businesses to keep specific records of state tax-exempt sales. In addition, many of the Tribal citizens that purchase tax-exempt cigarettes expect the Trading Post staff to keep track of their purchases for them to prevent them from exceeding their limit and incurring a penalty. The computer software required to do this is expensive and also requires an annual service contract.

The proposed tax would take 3% of the tax savings, which equals \$3,300 of the tax exemption on cigarettes, to use for computer contract expenses.

Currently, the Trading Post only exempts two types of "Other Tobacco Products" (OTP) from the state tax due to the complexity of the record keeping requirements. The new computer software will extend the state exemption on OTP to all OTP the Trading Post carries. Tribal citizens that purchase OTP that weren't previously being exempted will notice a tax savings as a result of the new computer software.

The state tax on OTP is 32% of wholesale cost (approximately 24% of retail selling price). Since the full OTP tax exemption wasn't being offered in the past, the amount of state tax savings and resulting Tribal tax revenue is unknown.

Motor Fuel Tax

The Tribe has not used its total quota of tax-exempt gas or diesel fuel in the past but is very close. Based on 2009 state tax-exempt purchases by the Tribe, Casino and Tribal citizens, the state tax savings on motor fuel purchases was \$37,750. The proposed tax of 3% would raise \$1,133 to offset the administrative cost of offering this exemption.

Cost of Administration

The initial cost of the contract and software to track state tax-exempt sales electronically was approximately \$30,000. The support contract will be an additional \$3,000 per year. Hardware used in conjunction with the system will also need to be maintained and replaced when needed. This cost is estimated to be \$5,000 every three years.

Summary

The proposed new taxes will reduce the state tax exemption Tribal citizens receive on motor fuel and tobacco products by 3%. The tax revenue will be used to pay for the computer software contract and to maintain the computer system used to keep track of the state tax exemptions. The result is; the cost of the tax exemption program will be paid for by all Tribal citizens in direct proportion to the benefit they receive in state tax exemptions.

If you have any questions about the proposed new taxes or state tax exemptions for Tribal citizens, please call the Tax Office at (231) 398-6874.

Summary of Proposed Amendment

This amendment would impose two new Tribal taxes; a Tobacco Products Tax and a Motor Fuel Tax. These taxes will raise revenue to offset some of the costs associated with administering Michigan tax exemptions for Tribal members. Only Tribal members and entities receiving the Michigan tax exemptions will pay the tax.

Tobacco Products Tax

- Tax is 3% of Michigan's Tobacco Products Tax
 - o Currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes,
 - ☐ Tribal tax would be 6¢ per pack of cigarettes
 - ☐ Tribal member will receive \$1.94 per pack tax exemption
 - o Currently 32% of wholesale cost of other tobacco products
 - ☐ Tribal tax would be 1.92% of wholesale cost of other tobacco
 - ☐ Tribal member will receive 30.08% of wholesale cost
- Will be collected and remitted by Little River Trading Post

Motor Fuel Tax

- Tax is 3% of Michigan's Motor Fuel Tax
 - o Currently 19¢ per gallon of gas
 - ☐ Tribal tax would be .57¢ per gallon
 - ☐ Tribal member will receive 18.43¢ per gallon tax exemption
 - o Currently 15¢ per gallon of diesel
 - ☐ Tribal tax would be .45¢ per gallon
 - ☐ Tribal member will receive 14.55¢ per gallon tax exemption
- Will be collected and remitted by Little River Trading Post



Congratulations to Hannah and Mathew Sandel for coming in 3rd place at this years Jiingtamok 2 step contest!



Happy Birthday
Cody King
Shawnee Renner

A 'Thorny' Project

Yvonne Parsons reports that, "Back this spring when the Family Services parenting class was happening, we worked with a few of the kids who came in with their parents. They did garden stuff, and Alyce Giltz got some cacti from someone and brought them in for everyone to plant. The kids planted them and the cactus plants took root and are now growing healthily and some are actually in full bloom. The cacti are planted in the shrub area in the parking lot right outside the old Community Center door. They are pretty cool."

A Perfect Score!



The LRBOI Trading Post has received another perfect score! This message was sent to Store Manager Jamie Friedel by Dennis P. McCarthy of Blarney Castle Oil & Propane who are our suppliers.
"Jamie, congratulations! Your store achieved a perfect score for your recent Helios 100 Mystery Shop. I'll be delivering \$100 worth of BP Gift Cards to you in the mail. Thanks to you and your staff for all of your hard work."

Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

\$10 Gift Card and Certificate for Elder Participation

The Tribe is conducting an Elder Survey. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department. For participating in this survey the Elder will receive a gift of appreciation and a certificate of participation.

The purpose of this project is to assist tribes, villages, and homesteads in creating a record of the health and social needs of their elders. This survey is a required submission for the Elder Meal Program grant application to help tribes with data needed for their Title VI nutrition and care giving grants awarded from the Administration on Aging (AoA) and can also help with tribal planning, long-term care discussions, and grant-writing. The survey information also compares the Native American elders to the general U.S. population to determine the extent of existing social and health differences.

The information is confidential and the survey instrument does not identify your name but will ask for your zip code for demographic data.

Time to complete survey is about 30 minutes.

Departments assisting Elders with the Survey:

Family Services, Clinic CHR's, Members Assistance Intake Clerks

Elder Survey Dates at Muskegon Office -

Tuesday July 20th 10:00 to 3:00 Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00

Tuesday August 10th 10:00 to 3:00 Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00

There are only 232 surveys available and they are first come first serve.

Fidelia R. England

Fidelia R. England, age 83 of Statesville, N.C. walked on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at her home. She was born August 7, 1926 in Kalkaska, MI to Fred C. Carrier and Mary Ann Mawby (Moby). Grandparents were James Mawby and Lucy Ah-she-to-ah-sin (Austey). Her mother and grandmother were known basket makers from Honor, MI. Fidelia (aka Teddy) was preceeded in death by her siblings: Billy Moby, Fred Carrier, Ruby Bellmore, Jane Bean, Betty Gilhouse and Moby Johnson (aka Everett Carrier). Survived by her sister Mary Hopkins of Grand Rapids, MI and her daughters Josephine Everett, Carolyn Potter, Jane Yager, Kim England all of Jackson, MI, and Bonnie Adams of Statesville, N.C.; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Burial and Native American ceremonies were held for her on June 5, 2010 at Champion Hill Cemetery in Homestead Township near Honor, MI after the LRBOI Elders meeting. Champion Hill Cemetery is south of US Highway 31 on Covey Road.

LRBOI Tribal Council Work Session Attendance - June 2010

Date	Work Session Title	Steve Parsons	Janine Sam	Loretta Beccaria	Candice Chapman	Virgil Johnson	Sandy Mezeske	Pat Ruiter	Lee Sprague	Robert Whiteloon
6/1/10	Contracting Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X			
6/1/10	Gaming Ordinance Rewrite	X	X	X		X	X	X		
6/1/10	Fee to Trust Applications	X	X	X	X			X		
6/1/10	Ogema- Council Weekly Mtg.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6/1/10	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X			X		
6/3/10	Commissions Ordinance		X	X	X	X	X			X
6/3/10	Gov't Building Task Force		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
6/4/10	Construction Changes	X	X	X	X	X	X			
6/7/10	Tax & Revenue Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
6/7/10	Agenda Review	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6/7/10	Custer Cemetary Development	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/7/10	Title IV E	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/8/10	Enrollment Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/8/10	Gaming Ordinance Rewrite	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
6/8/10	Constitution Changes	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
6/8/10	Purchasing Regulations	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
6/8/10	Member Proposal	X		X	X	X	X			X
6/10/10	TC 2011 Budget Proposal	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/11/10	Constitutional Changes	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/11/10	Csino Financial Stmt Review	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/11/10	Gov't Bldg Task Force& Coun	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
6/14/10	Contributions	X		X	X	X	X			X
6/14/10	Agenda Review	X		X	X	X				X
6/15/10	Commissions Ordinance	X		X	X	X				X
6/15/10	Gaming Ordinance Rewrite	X		X	X	X				X
6/15/10	Ogema- Council Weekly Mtg	X	X	X	X	X				X
6/18/10	NAGPRA	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
6/21/10	Interview for Staff Position	X	X			X	X	X		X
6/21/10	Agenda Review	X	X				X	X		X
6/21/10	Water/Sewer Rate changes	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
6/21/10	Red Cross MOU	X		X		X				
6/24/10	CARCieri Impact	X		X		X	X			
6/25/10	Ogema/ Council/ Casino Board	X		X	X	X	X			X
6/28/10	Constitutional Changes	X		X	X	X	X	X		X
6/28/10	Dept of Interior Process	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
6/28/10	Pharmacy/ Dental Services	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
6/29/10	Investment Policy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
6/30/10	Contract Terms	X	X			X		X		X
6/30/10	COPS Grant- New Initiative	X	X			X		X		X
39	Totals for June	37	30	35	31	36	28	18	6	31

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Megwa Ezhiweback

Story by:
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As the sun began to filter through the trees, the sounds of drumming echoed throughout the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians campground. The grounds were abuzz with activity, people were hustling and bustling about and the excitement could be felt in the air.

People gathered from all over the United States and Canada to celebrate life and being alive. The 15th annual Jiingtamok was starting.

The smell of frybread hung heavy around the arena as the dancers lined up for Grand Entry. The men dressed in their finest regalia. The women were regal and eloquent. The children were giggling and smiling as they danced their way into the circle behind their elders. All throughout the afternoon people danced and sang to the rhythm of the drum.

A cool breeze began to blow late in the day as the dancers took a break for dinner. The Aztec dancers in their leopard print regalia fascinated the crowd while performing their choreographed dances. The drum competition thrilled on-lookers and Irene Bedard inspired the audience with her story-telling. Throughout the evening as the heat died down everyone was able to relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

Sunday afternoon the 2010 Little River Princess was crowned. Katie Ashley Crawford was bestowed the honor of representing the tribe.

The powwow was a huge success which was enjoyed everyone that attended.

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